

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 20-24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In conventional vehicles or cars, ~~there is less known~~ a small-sized motor-driven four-wheeled vehicle such as rough road driving vehicle suitable for use in leisure, sport and the like is not well known. Moreover, in a vehicle which is driven by an ~~ordinal~~ ordinary gasoline engine, unpleasant exhaust gas and noise are generated, and in addition, ~~it will be obliged for~~ a driver will be obligated to ~~make up~~ maintain gasoline, lubricating oil or like, thus involving inconvenient working or labor.

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 25 to page 2, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, it may be possible to modify the motor-driven wheelchair or golf-cart of the structure mentioned above to a vehicle capable of running on a rough road. Such modification to obtain good running performance and good steering performance is ~~however~~ not ~~[[so]]~~ a simple matter because of basic ~~difference~~ differences in running conditions, sitting attitudes, etc. ~~to obtain good running performance and good steering performance.~~

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 1-4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In ~~[[a]]~~ preferred embodiments of this aspect, the battery unit includes a plurality of batteries which are arranged side by side in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle body at a substantially central portion thereof.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 13-22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the above characteristic features or structures, the main parts or members which have relatively heavy weight are disposed in the concentrated manner to the central portion of the vehicle, so that the standing stability and steering performance of the vehicle can be improved. These parts can be easily covered by the body cover, thus improving waterproof performance. In addition, the concentrated arrangement of the main parts or members at the central portion of the vehicle body can eliminate complicated wiring or long ~~connection~~ connections therebetween, which may result in reduction of power loss or accident[[,]]. ~~thus elongating the battery life.~~ Thus, the life of the battery can be increased.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 23 to page 4, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, the side-by-side arrangement of the plural batteries at the central portion of the body frame ~~makes narrow~~ make the width of the body frame narrower at the central portion of the vehicle, which will contribute the reduction of the weight of the vehicle body, ~~and, hence,~~ Therefore, the running performance and steering performance of the vehicle will also be able to be ~~also~~ improved.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 8-15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

First, with reference to Fig. 1, a motor-driven rough-road driving four-wheeled vehicle 1, such as ~~baggie~~ buggy car, (which may be called merely vehicle hereinafter) has a body frame 2 extending in its longitudinal running direction, and the body frame 2 includes upper and side portions which are covered by a body cover 3 made of resin, for example, and

formed integrally with or independently from the body frame. A driver's seat 4 of straddle type is disposed on the upper rear side of the body cover 3.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 4-6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As further shown in Fig. 4, the motor 15 is disposed in front of and above the ~~center~~ central axis of the rear wheel axle 18, and an under guard 19 as a plate-shaped protection member is disposed below the gear case 16.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 7-17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

With reference to Fig. 3, in a plan view, in a space S surrounded by a line 20 connecting inside portions of the left-side front and rear wheels 6L and 11L, a line 21 connecting inside portions of the right-side front and rear wheels 6R and 11R, the front wheel axles 5 and the rear wheel axle 18, there are arranged a ~~battery~~ battery unit including a plurality of batteries 22 for supplying power to the motor 15, a charger 23 for supplying an electric power from an external source, and a controller 24 for controlling current passing from the batteries 22 to the motor 15. The surroundings of these members are covered by the body cover 3. In a modified arrangement, the charger 23 may be eliminated ~~to be located in~~ from this space S.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 7-16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Still furthermore, the motor 15 is disposed in front of and above the ~~center~~ central axis of the rear wheel axle 18 and the under guard 19 is arranged below the gear case 16 as a plate-shaped protection member. According to such arrangement, the motor 15 and the gear case 16 can be protected from obstacles which may be placed on a road, thus improving the running performance even on a rough (uneven) road. Moreover, by arranging the controller 24 on the front side of the vehicle 1, for example, in front of the batteries 22, the controller 24 can be effectively cooled by the running wind, thus ~~well~~ maintaining the performance of the controller 24.